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## **Regional Human Services and Veterans Citizen Levy Joint Oversight Board Meeting Summary**

**December 13, 2012 2-4 p.m.**

McDermott Place – 12740 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE, Seattle

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Douglas Hoople at 2:05 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) Members Present:**

Kathy Brasch (Co-Chair), Kathleen Hadaller, Loran Lichty (Co-Chair), Edith Loyer Nelson, David Ramsay, Kate Slaminko

**RHSLOB Members Excused/Absent:** None.

**Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB) Members Present:** Oren Hadaller, Doug Hoople (Chair), Robert Stephens, Jr., Bill Wood

**VCLOB Members Excused/Absent:** Cynthia Lefever (Vice Chair), Stan Gunno, Kathy Lewis

**King County Staff Present:** George Dignan, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Joel Estey, Greg Ferland, DCHS, Emily Yette, Public Health, Seattle & King County (PHSKC); Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Marcy Kubbs, DCHS.

**Guests:** Marilyn Cook, Dorothy Hanson, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), Peter Schmidt, Francisco Ivarra, Mary Kay Lewis, Curtis Thompson, Ray Tomlinson

### **Welcome**

Doug Hoople welcomed Greg Ferland, the newly hired Department of Community and Human Services, Community Services Division Director. Greg introduced himself and thanked board members for their commitment to support the Veterans and Human Services Levy.

### **McDermott Place Review/Facility Tour**

Tony Williams, Low Income Housing Institute Facility Manager and Loraine Larson from Sound Mental Health provided an overview and facility tour of McDermott Place. Using the "Housing



First” model, the facility provides 75 permanent affordable units in the Lake City neighborhood of Seattle for homeless individuals, with 38 of the units designated specifically for veterans. The service-enriched apartments (services provided by Sound Mental Health) help residents to obtain the services they need to maintain stable housing and provide opportunities for them to access education and employment services. Other services co-located at the facility include the food bank and health clinic which were included in the tour.

### **Review of Joint Meeting Summary**

The draft September 27, 2012 Joint Board meeting summary was approved as written.

### **Mid-Year Performance Update**

Marcy Kubbs and Jon Hoskins reviewed the [2012 Mid-Year Performance Evaluation and Financial Update](#) with Levy board members. Marcy reported that despite the delay in receipt of invoices because of problems with the County’s new fiscal system, agencies appear on track to expend their levy funds by year end. Jon reported that based on the data available for the first half of 2012, agencies are performing very well. Soon work will begin on the Levy Annual report that will provide information for the period January through December 2012. That report will be submitted to the County Council on June 30, 2013.

### **VCLOB Chair Highlights – Douglas Hoople**

- With passage of the Supplemental Budget Ordinance in September, additional Veterans Levy funds, unspent on prior levy, were provided to three existing programs for 2012:
  1. PTSD Counseling
  2. Enhanced outreach to women veterans and veterans of color
  3. Veterans Housing Capital and Supportive Services
- AND two new programs:
  - King County Veterans Internship Program
  - Aerospace and Veteran Employment Training Initiative which has both Veterans & Human Services Levy funds
- The VCLOB completed their review of a revised implementation plan for Activity 1.2.A Enhanced Outreach to Women Veterans and Veterans of Color prior to staff conducting a RFP process to select agencies to provide services. Doug served on review panels for this Enhanced Outreach RFP process and the RFP process for capital housing.
- The VCLOB accepted the resignation of our valued VCLOB member, Roger Welles, in October.
- We have a new and a returning board member – Mary Kay Lewis (District 1) and Francisco Ivarra (District 4), whose applications have been transmitted to the Executive’s Office.
- We have also received applications from Curtis Thompson and Ray Tomlinson who serve on the King County Veterans Program Advisory Board.

### **RHSLOB Chair Highlights – Kathy Brasch**

- With passage of the Supplemental Budget Ordinance in September, additional Human Services Levy funds, unspent on prior levy, were provided to three programs for 2012:
  - Mobile Medical Program received Veterans & Human Services funding to replace the aging medical van
  - PEARLS a depression intervention for seniors
  - Youth and Young Adult Housing Capital and Supportive Services
- Members Edie Nelson and Kate Slaminko served on the review panel for the RFP process for operating and supportive housing services. Kate also was a review panelist for the Capital Housing RFP.

### **King County Staff Report**

- The Enhanced Outreach (Strategy 1.2.A) RFP process is complete. El Centro de la Raza and Therapeutic Health Services were awarded the 2013 contracts.
- The Veterans Employment and training contract with the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (Strategy 1.3) is broadening its scope to expand the employment sectors where veterans can be placed. Initially, the scope of the work focused solely on green collar jobs. The program manager and representatives from the WDVA will be back to brief the board within the next few months.
- The Capital and Operating Services RFP is concluding with awards to be announced in late December.

### **Annual Workplan Discussion**

Staff provided a draft workplan for the levy oversight boards for 2013 that includes updates on programs continued from the first levy, trainings and site visits. The boards will review the plans more closely at their upcoming meetings, but expressed appreciation for staff's development of the draft document.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

George Dignan, King County Employment and Education Resources Administrator educated that board on the current work of Strategy 2.6.A Community Employment Services. An RFP was conducted in early 2012 with community employment services contracts awarded and implemented through 2013. At the end of 2012 approximately \$57K from that work was unspent. George proposed that these funds be used to support King County's continued efforts to make the WorkSource system in Seattle-King County more responsive to the immediate urgent needs of customers who are homeless by using the dollars to support employment and training for homeless customers in the WorkSource system.

The Joint Board agreed that the 2012 unspent funds would be well served supporting homeless employment services in the WorkSource system.

### **Petitions/Communication (public comment)**

- Kathy Hadaller volunteered to purchase \$500 worth of holiday gifts for 7 – 11 year old girls. The funding was provided through Lutheran Community Services.
- Edie Nelson shared that the North Seattle Community College Annual Meeting was focused on veterans. She reported that \$15,000 was raised to provide training for veterans.
- Tuesday, December 18 at 4pm, John Lee, Director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) and “First Mike” (Mike Gregoire, veteran and husband to the Governor) will be honored for their service in Olympia.
- Loran Lichty provided information on his faith community’s “40 days of Compassion” and also encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Homelessness Advocacy Day in Olympia.
- Joel Estey, King County Regional Veterans Services Manager, and Doug Hoople, VCLOB Chair are working with a team to connect veterans with the Snoqualmie Valley Winter Shelter. The Shelter is a volunteer and church-driven concept that began early November when the North Bend Police Chief led a meeting of community leaders in a conversation about the homeless people in the area. The shelter will be mobile, moving between host churches, offering meals provided by volunteer church groups, and staffed with trained, paid supervisors.
- The new Veterans Court recently celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary.
- WDVA’s Dorothy Hansen and Peter Schmidt introduced themselves and shared information on an upcoming conference focusing on student veterans. Joint Base Lewis – McChord, the WDVA and other providers are working together around the discharge of veterans. This group is developing a new process that will provide veterans a full year of transition services.
- A grant application written jointly by seven King County school districts won \$40 million in federal “Race to the Top” funds. The Auburn, Federal Way, Highline, Kent, Renton, Seattle and Tukwila school districts competed together this fall in the Road Map Project. The Road Map Project is a collaborative effort to dramatically improve education in South Seattle and South King County.

### **Honoring Outgoing Board members**

Edith Loyer Nelson and Kathy Brasch have reached their term limits on the Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board and will be stepping down effective December 31, 2012 though both have agreed to stay on for up to six months or until their positions have been filled.

Edie noted that she is most proud of her work with the Healthy Start programs and Nurse Family Partnership. Kathy’s most proud of the Mobile Medical Van program and how the VHS Levy dollars have allowed significant leverage to build capital housing projects.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.